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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

Supplemental to Applicants' August 15, 2007 response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2007, and further to the supplemental response filed October 12, 2007, please enter the following remarks.

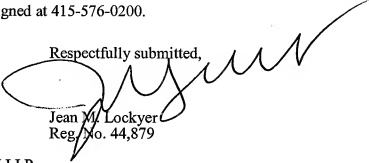
Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by the inventors that provides evidence that the invention was made in the United States prior to April 18, 1997. The Declaration has been executed by three of the four inventors. Applicants are in the process of obtaining a signed Declaration from the fourth inventor.

In the Declaration, the inventors state that they obtained the sequence of the extracellular domain of human Robo-1 as set forth in the specification before April 18, 1997. Exhibits showing the protein sequence and providing evidence that the sequence was obtained prior to April 18, 1997 are also provided with the Declaration. The Declaration establishes that

the basic inventive concept of the claimed invention was conceived of and reduced to practice prior to April 18, 1997. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S. C. 102(e) is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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